

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the Tuesday, November 6th, 2007 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, November 6th, 2007 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, L. Caprioglio, S. Carroll, P. Collington, S. Hoag, D. Stillinger, and P. Payton, and Jack Hartford, Chatham Township Committee Member.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A. 40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2007 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

Minutes from October 2nd, 2007 were approved as amended. S. Hoag motioned to accept and S. Carroll 2nd with all in favor.

Events

November 30th and December 1st, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM, ANJEC leadership development course.

Special Discussion

Possible environmental concerns with the proposed cell tower equipment on existing PSE&G tower on Sunset Terrace were presented by J. Hartford. K. Abbot will contact PSE&G to determine what is being done, when and where. S. Hoag will contact Bill Koch of the Great Swamp Commission re run-off issues into the swamp and any agreements they may have with PSE&G. Results of both inquiries will be e-mailed to commission members for review. Further action by the Environmental Commission will depend on the results of these inquiries.

Special Project

Municipal Energy Inventory. Recommendations in memo from Energy Subcommittee meeting on 10-8-07 were approved, motion by S. Hoag, 2nd by K. Abbot with all in favor. Presentation of findings and recommendations to the Township Committee was approved with motion by P. Payton, 2nd by S. Carroll with all in favor. S. Carroll will compose cover letter and submit to commission members for approval. D. Stillinger will inform commission when this will be on Township Committee agenda.

Application/LOI Review

1 SYCAMORE DRIVE. 10-5-07. Block 38, Lot 43.02. Prill. Application to Planning Board for a variance to build a fence along Meyersville Rd. Considered by EC but no environmental concern therefore no action required by CTEC. CLOSED.

815 RIVER RD. Block 2, Lot 12. 6-11-07. King. Wetlands application to NJDEP for General Permit and Transition Area Waiver. D. Stillinger will look into but may not need any action by EC. OPEN.

29 HAMPTON RD. Block 48.10, Lot 29. 10-9-07. Goodheart. Wetlands application to NJDEP for General Permit for addition to existing house. D. Stillinger will look into but may not need any action by EC. OPEN.

END OF BRITTEN RD. Block 48, Lots 157.04, 189.02 and Block 48.20, Lots 184, 189, 189.01. 7-27-07. Rolling Knolls Landfill Settling Parties. Wetlands application to NJDEP for General Permits 12 & 14, and Stream Encroachment Permit for test pit excavation, soil boring, groundwater monitoring well installation, vegetation clearing. Note that these activities have begun on the site. Application has been noted and follow up by EC will be as resources permit. PENDING.

23 LOANTAKA LANE SOUTH. 7-22-07. Block 139, Lots 13, 14, 17, 18.03 & 18.04. BCR Group. LOI application. Sending of letter to NJDEP was approved with motion by S. Hoag, 2nd by P. Payton with all in favor. CLOSED.

55 MOUNTAIN AVE. 4-27-07. Block 37, Lot 5.01. Majmudar. Application to Planning Board to construct one house with variances for front yard setback, house size. CTEC applications subcommittee memo to Planning Board sent 10-4-07 was reviewed and approved with motion by S. Carroll, 2nd by P. Collington with all in favor. CLOSED.

130 MEYERSVILLE RD. Block 12, Lot 11. 3-9-07. Dudley. Letter to Planning Board of 10-30-07 was approved with motion by S. Carroll, 2nd by P. Collington with all in favor. CLOSED.

OAK KNOLL SCHOOL. 9-11-07. Public hearing was held on 9-11-07 concerning request to break the DEP conservation easement on the Oak Knoll school property at Hickory Tree in order to replace an existing stormwater pipe. DEP and Township engineer had no objection. CTEC will continue to follow this and take action as needed. PENDING.

Reports

Planning Board – L. Caprioglio – Conservation easement recommendations, after approval by the Planning Board and issuance of permits, must be passed by Resolution of the Township Committee. L. Caprioglio will continue to address the question of monuments of conservation easements, the requirements and an enforceable confirmation process.

Open Space - S. Hoag – Looking into possibility of purchase of several parcels for open space. Working on bike path areas. Will contact PSE&G re use of their properties.

Anti-Idling – K. Abbott and P. Collington – Township Committee passed Resolution 2007-195 on October 11th, 2007 in support of Idle Free Zones.

Recycling Event – Very successful. Continue with one weekend in May and one weekend in October for 2008.

Passaic Valley Groundwater Protection Committee Meeting October 4th, 2007 – P. Collington – Attorney memo re NJDEP's proposed amendment to the Technical Regulations for Site Remediation requiring enhanced notification and outreach of all residents within 200 feet of site by sign or letter two weeks prior to initiation of field activities.

Action Items

Saturday April 19, 2008 for the Annual Cleanup and Saturday May 3, 2008 for the spring E-Recycle were approved with motion from S. Carroll, 2nd by S. Hoag with all in favor.

“Bin There” campaign progressing. Coordination with Chatham Borough “Back to Tap” campaign to encourage use of reusable water/drink containers. DPW will present educational information at all coaches meetings and at the township and borough schools. Shop-Rite will be approached regarding recycle bins at their location. Recycle bins have been placed in all parks and on all fields. K. Abbott, P. Collington

Future educational recycling programs to address proper disposal of construction materials, concrete, bricks and unpainted wood. K. Abbott

Wildlife habitat project at Southern Blvd. School has exceeded all expectations. K. Abbot

S Hoag will continue to work on revising the letter to Township Committee on proposed ordinance language requiring conservation easements on critical areas to take under consideration Mayor K. Tubbs's remarks.

Discussions are continuing on the progress of conservation easement on-the-ground baseline data collection project. L. Caprioglio, S. Hoag, D. Stillinger.

Testing has started by the EPA at Rolling Knolls.

Mail Received (not including applications and event notices mentioned above)

- Notice of Coca-cola grant to communities for recycle bins.
- April 2007 remedial action progress report to the NJDEP for the Chatham Township DPW groundwater cleanup.
- Copy of Resolution 2007-195 passed by the Chatham Township Committee in support of CTEC's no idling campaign.
- Copy of letter to the School District of the Chathams from Chatham Township Mayor Kevin Tubbs and Chatham Borough Mayor Richard Plambeck enlisting their support of the CTEC no idling campaign.
- Copy of article from the 10-3-07 Berkeley Heights newspaper concerning the rejection by the BH planning board of the Mead St. application.
- Minutes of Long Hill EC.
- Minutes of Chatham Borough EC.
- Various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

Marge Gerba
Acting Minutes Secretary